

Volcanoes come back, defeat Eugene

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The Volcanoes opened this week's home series Tuesday with a come-from-behind 10-5 win over Eugene.

Starting pitcher Gregory Santos settled down after a three-run Emerald first inning by holding the visitors scoreless for the next five innings.

The big offensive inning for Salem-Keizer was the seven-run fourth with two doubles, a walk, a hit batsman, an error, and a passed ball.

In the top of the first, Fernando Kelli singled to right field and stole second base. Kwang-Min Kwon singled to left and reached second on a throw by left fielder Christopher Burks.

A passed ball by Ricardo Genoves allowed Kelli to score, and a single to left by Luis Diaz drove in Kwon.

Diaz reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Jonathan Sierra, and a single to left center by Christopher Morel drove Diaz in.

The Volcanoes got one run in the first. Kyle McPherson singled to right, went to second on an errant pickoff attempt by Emerald starter Eury Ramos, and scored as Trevor Abrams doubled down the right field line.

After Santos struck out the side in the second, the Volcanoes loaded the bases in their half of the inning but failed to cross the plate.

Salem-Keizer added a run in the third.

Abrams led off with a single to center and went to second on a single to center by Genoves.

Dalton Combs doubled down the right field line and scored Genoves.

With two out, Eugenio Palma replaced Ramos on the mound and struck out Jose Leyer.

McPherson walked on a three-and-two count to lead off the bottom of the fourth. Wander Franco reached first on a force attempt and a throwing error by third baseman Morel.

Abrams scored both runners with a double to center. Robinson Medrano drove in

Abrams with a single to left. Genoves walked, and Combs was hit by a pitch.

Nico Giarratano scored Medrano with a Texas League single to right.

A passed ball brought Genoves home and moved Combs and Giarratano up. Layer doubled to right, driving in Combs and Giarratano.

Casey Ryan came in to pitch and retired the next two batters, ending the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Zach Becherer relieved Santos and retired the Emeralds in order, all on fly balls.

Eugene added two runs in the eighth with Sidney Duprey on the mound.

With one out, Luis Vazquez reached first base on an errant throw by second baseman McPherson and then second as the throw went into the dugout.

Kelli singled to center, moving Vazquez to third, and stole second.

An infield single by Luis Diaz scored both runners.

The Volcanoes answered with a ninth-inning run. Medrano singled to right and reached second on Combs' single to left.

A wild pitch by Stephen Ridings moved both runners up, and Christopher Burks

scored Medrano with a single to center.

The win gave the Volcanoes an 8-4 record.

Thursday, June 21: Volcanoes 4, Boise 3
Salem-Keizer survived a three-run eighth-inning rally to guarantee a series win over host Boise.

Jose Leyer led off the third inning with a double and scored when a throwing error by catcher Greg Jones gave him an extra base on Kyle McPherson's sacrifice bunt.

In the Volcano sixth, a walk, an error, and a hit batsman loaded the bases. Christopher Burks drove Robinson home by grounding out, Nico Giarratano singled Wander Franco home, went to second base on the throw, and scored on a single by Leyer.

The Hawks' runs came when a sacrifice fly was followed by a home run by Danny Edgeworth with a man on base.

Volcano starter, Santos, went five innings to get the win, and Doug Still had his first save. The losing pitcher was starter Riley Pint.

Friday, June 22: Volcanoes 7, Boise 1

Hits from everyone in the starting lineup and strong pitching by Norwith Gudino and two relievers gave the

Volcanoes a sweep of the three-game series in Boise.

Mikey Edie, Diego Rincones, and Franco had two hits each out of Salem-Keizer's 12. Genoves and Combs drove in two runs each, and Medrano scored twice.

Gudino went five innings for a 2-0 record, allowing the Hawks' only run in the first inning and striking out four. Mack Meyer and then Orlyen Quiroz each pitched two relief innings.

Boise's starter, Javier Medina, was the losing pitcher at 0-1.

Saturday, June 23: Volcanoes 9, Hillsboro 5
Rincones' torrid bat led Salem-Keizer to a series-opening win in Hillsboro.

The Volcano left fielder drove in five runs as he hit a home run, two doubles, and a single.

The hits gave him a .529 batting average for the young season.

After the Hops scored the first run of the game in the first inning and went ahead by a run in the second, Rincones drove in two of the Volcanoes' third inning runs with his second homer of the season. A three-run fourth put Salem-Keizer ahead for good.

Kevin Rivera scored two runs on two hits and Chris Corbett three on one hit for the Volcanoes.

Greg Jacknewitz, who relieved starter Keaton Winn in the third inning, allowed two runs in the third but only one in the next four and became the winning pitcher with a 1-1 record.

Kai-Wei Lin, the first of four Hillsboro relievers, took the loss at 1-1.

Sunday, June 24: Hillsboro 12, Volcanoes 2

The Hops made good use of their 14 hits and scattered the Volcanoes' 11 to even the series.

Clutch pitching was a big

factor as Hillsboro pitchers had 10 strikeouts to three for Salem-Keizer. Cole Stapler was the winning pitcher in relief for a 1-0 record and had four of the Hops' strikeouts. The Volcanoes' starter, Miguel Figueroa, was the loser at 0-2.

Abrams was the Volcanoes' leading hitter with two singles and a triple but did not score or bat in a run.

One Salem-Keizer run came in the seventh inning, when Jose Leyer doubled home Mikey Edie, who had singled.

The other was scored in the eighth, when Rincones, who had singled and reached second and then third on singles, went home as Franco grounded out.

Joey Rose had three hits and drove in three runs for Hillsboro.

Monday, June 25: Hillsboro 6, Volcanoes 5

It was the first series loss for Salem-Keizer, but the Volcanoes didn't make it easy. They led until the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Volcanoes led from the start, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning, including Abrams' first home run of the season and Medrano's third, both with the bases empty.

The Hops responded with a first-inning home run, Tra Holmes' first, also a solo shot. Teammate Andy Yerzy hit a bases-empty homer in the third.

Salem-Keizer added a run each in the fourth and fifth for a 5-2 lead, but Hillsboro scored twice in the bottom of the fifth.

Two seventh-inning Hops runs were the final runs of the game.

Keenan Bartlett was the losing pitcher in relief at 1-1. The winner was Wesley Rodriguez, also in relief, for a 1-0 record, and Josh Green got his first save.

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